

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Robert Ross Young, forever respectfully known as "Coach Young," is a native of Beresford, South Dakota, a 1961 graduate of Sioux Falls College where he earned All-Conference honors as an offensive lineman, and he received his Masters Degree in Education from Arizona State University in 1965; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Young began instilling values into young men on the football field by coaching at high schools in Arizona, Iowa, and South Dakota, before taking over the reigns of the University of Sioux Falls (USF) football program in 1983; and,

*Whereas*, For 22 seasons, Coach Young served as the USF football coach, leading the team to 172 wins, 13 conference championships, and 10 playoff appearances; and,

*Whereas*, In 1996, Coach Young led the USF Cougars to the 1996 NAIA National Championship, amassing a 140 record, and being recognized by his peers as the NAIA "Coach of the Year"; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Young's greatest accomplishments have been realized as a devoted teacher, mentor, and coach to countless young men and women in the classroom and on the field, by virtue of the fact he has taught, recruited, and led 35 NAIA All Americans and 43 NAIA All American Scholar Athletes; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Young has demonstrated unwavering Christian character and commitment to the University of Sioux Falls, its students, and those who played for him; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Young and his wife, Diane, have four children: David, Steven, Jerilyn, and Melissa who, along with the grandchildren, will provide him an opportunity to enjoy time with his family and some well deserved weekend leisure activities; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Young is honored here today by the University of Sioux Falls with induction into the University of Sioux Falls Athletic Hall of Fame:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2005, as

## *COACH BOB YOUNG DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Ch. Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State